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REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

1. Claims 1-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Boesen (U.S. Patent No. 6,542,721)

Summary of the Response

Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 19, 27, 41 and 45.

Now pending are claims 1-50.

Detailed Remarks

Applicant requests consideration of the following remarks.

It is Applicant's position that Boesen does not teach two housing segments that couple "to move primarily along one axis without pivoting" between an extended and contracted position. Even considering Examiner's interpretation of the Boesen device in FIG. 7, one segment of that configuration must pivot in order to place the segment in the extended position.

Applicant has further amended the claim to recite that the extended position corresponds to the overall length of the device being maximized. Referring to Boesen, if the extended position corresponds to one where the overall length is maximized, Boesen must pivot to reach that configuration. With regard to independent claim 19, 27, 41 and 45, these claims have been amended to recite that the overall length is minimized when the second segment is in the contracted position. Again, Boesen requires pivoting of at least one housing segment in order to enable adjustment of the overall length between maximum and minimum lengths.

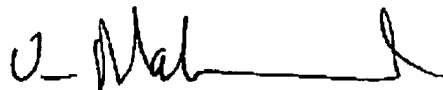
For reasons stated above, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any questions or comments that the Examiner wishes to direct to Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at (408) 551-6632. The Patent Office is authorized to charge all unpaid fees to the deposit account 50-1914.

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